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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, FOLLOWING STATISTICS ARE PROVIDED
FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND ON U.S. VERSUS FRENCH EXPERIENCE
IN INSTALLATION OF PETROLEUM REFINERY FACILITIES:

A) ON LICENSING OF HYDROCRACKING PROCESS TECHNOLOGY --
OF 75 COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS LICENSED IN THE WORLD,
ONE WAS LICENSED BY FRENCH (IN THE USSR), ONE BY BRITISH
PETROLEUM, AND ALL THE REST (73) WERE LICENSED BY U.S.
FIRMS.

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B) ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF HYDROCRACKING FACILITIES
OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE FREE WORLD'S HYDROCRACKING
CAPACITY IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY PLANTS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY
U.S. COMPANIES. U.S.-BUILT FACILITIES PRODUCE 150,000
BB/D; 30,000 BB/D ARE PRODUCED BY PLANTS BUILT BY OTHERS
AND THE FRENCH ACCOUNT FOR NO PRODUCTION.

C) IN FACT, 67 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL REFINING CAPACITY
IN THE FREE WORLD, OR 3,009,000 BB/D, IS PRODUCED BY
PLANTS DESIGNED/BUILT BY U.S. FIRMS AND THEIR
AFFILIATES; WHILE ONLY 520,000 BB/D, OR ABOUT 12 PERCENT
OF THE FREE WORLD CAPACITY, ARE ACCOUNTED FOR BY
FRENCH-BUILT PLANTS. (TOTAL FREE WORLD CAPACITY IS
4,373,000 BB/D.)

ABOVE STATISTICS COMPILED FOR US BY FLUOR FROM
"REFINING PROCESS HANDBOOK", A SUPPLEMENT OF
"HYDROCARBON PROCESSING" MAGAZINE.

2. TO CLARIFY INFO CONTAINED REFTEL, ON TECHNOLOGY
PACKAGE, COMPANIES HAVE ACTUALLY PRESENTED PROPOSALS.
ON DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION, FIRMS HAVE ONLY PRESENTED
QUALIFICATIONS BUT HOPE FOR THE CHANCE TO PRESENT
AND NEGOTIATE PROPOSALS.

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